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COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? LA CROSSE, MN.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: a. the technology of this line b. who will pay for it c. lack of wind/alternative energy accommodation d. need - or lack thereof.

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

MR - see other above.

a. a project of this magnitude (w/ all resources) should be forward-thinking and proactive in its application/design of technology best suited for 21st c. needs and reflecting the best of what we know about clean, safe, renewable energy. ~~conditions~~

b. "pay" in terms of rates, yes, but also in terms of expenditure: the utility cos. are typically not held responsible for - the environmental cost (of construction, production), impact on real people (quality of life, property value etc.), for example.

c. where is the forecast? The respect & acknowledgment that energy consumption - and therefore delivery mechanisms - must not continue as they are today? our collective priority & should only be on developing every aspect of clean renewable energy: from production to transmission. This is not that priority.

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I-063-007

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: recreation - hunting

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I am a stewardship farmer on a ridge-top farm that no longer loses one ounce of soil; that supports ^{grassland} birds and wildlife; that feeds many people in this region while providing wildlife corridors/habitat and aesthetic satisfaction to all who live in the SE.

But let me be clear - this is NOT a case of NIMBY - I do not want ugly, cluttered, inappropriate, mis-represented power lines running through anyone's woods or cropland or prairie or stream.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

- What about stray voltage?
- The phenomenal landscape damage in the fragile topography of the bluffs is something that A.) is hard to mitigate and b.) despite promises, does not historically a priority by corporate entities with no vested interest in anything but it's own bottom line. There are other better lines we should be attending to and requiring CAPX to attend, in their time. Habitat & soil are so.
- But the bigger resource is power usage itself, and whether the power companies themselves have sufficient incentive to do this smarter. I don't see it. I see USDA = tax \$1 payment already + I know who will get other costs passed on = us. And who, on a daily basis, will "pay" for that line? I think you should send this memo back to the main table. We must be aware of what they will

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-063-003

It's very challenging to believe the need, given it being presented by the people who have their agenda set in their minds. Call it wolves in sheep's clothes but how can I trust these guys - what if they ~~proposed~~ proposed to run this old style of delivery system through their woods - soils? You should pose that to them + then see how creative their solution became.

I-063-001

Where is it really going to go - profit + pleasure? LAX? Chicago?? It is annoying - to add insult to injury - that they make it sound like a done deal when it is not. That's wrong + misleading.

I-063-002

Why coal?? Why the snow job on how alternative energy will be incorporated? Why not look at recent energy use that show a 3-yr trend down in use?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

Thank you

came up with when given no choice.

I-063-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-063-002

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I-063-003

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I-063-004

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-063-005

Your comment has been noted. Information regarding project funding and ownership is described in the RUS accepted documents the Macro Corridor Study and Alternative Evaluation Study, available at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft EIS will be available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-063-006

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I-063-007

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